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Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FACILITY USE LICENSE CONTRACT WITH THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (FAIRPLEX), POMONA
FOR THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY
BY THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve a facility use license for the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) of Building 8 at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds (Fairplex) in Pomona on February 11 and 12, 2008, in order to conduct a public auction for the sale of defaulted property subject to the power of sale.
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute the facility use license contract and authorize total payment in the amount of \$9,399, which includes a \$1,000 contingency fee to be paid if unanticipated expenses occur for the use of the facility.
3. Find that the facility use license is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to secure a location to enable the TTC to conduct tax sales during the calendar year 2008. The TTC will be submitting a resolution for approval of the tax sale to the Board of Supervisors (Board) in October 2007, for the February 2008 tax sale.

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Customarily, the TTC conducts tax sales annually, as auctions were held on August 20 and 21, 2007, pursuant to a previous license approved by your Board on October 3, 2006. The Fairplex facility is an ideal venue for these auctions because of its location and capacity to accommodate the number of anticipated attendees.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Recovery of delinquent taxes through the sale of tax-defaulted property is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan goal of Fiscal Responsibility, Goal 4. Additionally, providing this facility for auctions is in compliance with Goal 1 to provide accessible and quality services to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County will incur a cost of \$9,399 to conduct the public auctions at the Fairplex facility. The public auctions of tax-defaulted property will enable the TTC to recover unpaid property taxes, penalties, and costs on delinquent parcels. Sufficient funds are available in the TTC's operating budget to cover the facility use fee.

There are presently no County facilities that are capable of accommodating the anticipated 2,000 attendees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under Section 3692 of the California and Taxation Code, the tax collector is obligated to bring tax-defaulted property to auction within four years of the time that the property becomes subject to sale, and if no acceptable bids are received, the tax collector is obligated to re-offer the property for sale at intervals of not more than six years. Upon receiving authorization from your Board in October 2007 to conduct the tax sales, the TTC will proceed with conducting the sales in February 2008. The TTC estimates that approximately 1,200 tax-defaulted properties will be offered for sale to an anticipated group of more than 2,000 attendees.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action is categorically exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Class 1 and Class 23 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Sections 15301 and 15323 of the State CEQA guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The site selected to conduct these auctions should enhance the sale of the various delinquent properties by providing adequate space to accommodate an anticipated group in excess of 2,000 attendees and related parking.

Respectfully submitted,



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